

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A household appliance comprising:
 - a cabinet;
 - a display mounted to the cabinet, said display being adapted to present a plurality of visual screens to a consumer; and
 - control means for establishing an advertising mode of operation wherein information concerning the household appliance is presented on the plurality of screens for educating the consumer on the household appliance by calling public attention to the appliance to emphasize desirable qualities of the appliance so as to arouse a desire to buy the appliance, wherein said household appliance is selected from the group consisting of a washing machine, a dryer, a dishwasher, a range and a refrigerator.
2. (original) The household appliance according to claim 1, wherein the information concerns particular features of the household appliance.
3. (original) The household appliance according to claim 1, wherein the information concerns programming features of the household appliance.
4. (original) The household appliance according to claim 1, wherein the control means receives desired cycle parameters selected by the consumer for a simulated appliance operation.

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5. (original) The household appliance according to claim 4, wherein the display constitutes a touch screen display through which the desired cycle parameters are inputted by the consumer.
6. (original) The household appliance according to claim 5, further comprising: non-permanent memory in which the desired cycle parameters are temporarily stored.
7. (original) The household appliance according to claim 1, wherein the display constitutes a touch screen display through which input parameters can be entered into the control means.
8. (original) The household appliance according to claim 1, wherein said control means further includes means for establishing automatic and interactive formats of the advertising mode.
9. (original) The household appliance according to claim 8, wherein the plurality of screens are successively displayed in a timed manner under the automatic format.
10. (original) The household appliance according to claim 9, wherein each of the plurality of screens is paused for receiving operator input parameters under the interactive format.
11. (currently amended) A method of operating a household appliance comprising:
 establishing an advertising mode of operation; and
 providing information to educate a consumer about the household appliance on a screen of a display incorporated into the household appliance by calling public attention to the appliance to emphasize desirable qualities of the appliance so as to arouse a desire to buy the appliance, wherein said household appliance is selected from the group consisting of a washing machine, a dryer, a dishwasher, a range and a refrigerator.

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12. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein information is conveyed concerning particular features of the household appliance.

13. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein information is conveyed concerning programming of the household appliance.

14. (original) The method of claim 11, further comprising:
visually prompting the consumer for an input; and
entering an interactive format of the advertising mode upon receiving the input from the consumer.

15. (original) The method of claim 14, further comprising: entering an automatic format of the advertising mode when the input is not received by the consumer.

16. (original) The method of claim 15, further comprising: presenting a series of successive informational screens in the display, in a timed manner, while in the automatic format.

17. (original) The method of claim 15, further comprising: receiving the input through the touching of the display by the consumer.

18. (original) The method of claim 14, further comprising:
prompting the consumer for desired cycle parameters; and
simulating a cycle operation based on the desired cycle parameters.

19. (original) The method of claim 18, further comprising: storing the desired cycle parameters inputted by the consumer in non-permanent memory.

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20. (original) The method of claim 19, further comprising: erasing the non-permanent memory when the display of the appliance is idle for a predetermined period of time.